

1                                   **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29**

2            (By Senators Boley, Nohe, K. Facemyer, Unger, Foster, Wells,  
3            Klempa, Stollings, McCabe, Minard, Williams, Yost and Kessler  
4                                   (Acting President))

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6    Recognizing West Virginia University at Parkersburg on the occasion  
7            of its 50th Anniversary.

8            Whereas, West Virginia University at Parkersburg was founded  
9            in 1961, as the Parkersburg branch of West Virginia University and  
10           had an enrollment of 104 students; and

11           Whereas, In 1969, construction was completed on the campus  
12           complex in West Virginia 47 east of Parkersburg; and

13           Whereas, West Virginia University at Parkersburg became one of  
14           the state's first comprehensive community colleges in July 1971, as  
15           Parkersburg Community College; and

16           Whereas, In 1989, the West Virginia Legislature established  
17           the college as West Virginia University at Parkersburg, a regional  
18           campus of West Virginia University; and

19           Whereas, In 1991, West Virginia University at Parkersburg was  
20           accredited to offer baccalaureate degrees in business  
21           administration and elementary education, becoming the only  
22           community college in West Virginia to offer bachelor's degrees; and

23           Whereas, Through the years, West Virginia University at  
24           Parkersburg has continued to grow, adding the Caperton Center for

1 Applied Technology, offering a Bachelor of Applied Technology  
2 degree, and experiencing a record enrollment in 2010, while  
3 becoming the fourth largest institution of higher education in West  
4 Virginia; and

5       Whereas, West Virginia University at Parkersburg provides  
6 accessible, life-changing educational opportunities in a safe and  
7 supportive environment; and

8       Whereas, The faculty, staff and administration of West  
9 Virginia University at Parkersburg, individually and collectively,  
10 hold the responsibility of providing educational and cultural  
11 opportunities in the college's service community, based upon the  
12 following principles: education holds a central position in the  
13 creation, development, and nurturing of a society; education should  
14 be constantly cognizant of the fact that all persons are  
15 individuals of worth and are entitled to be treated with dignity  
16 and respect; education functions under the realization that equal  
17 opportunity to access and to benefit from teaching and learning  
18 must be afforded to all persons; education provides the opportunity  
19 for all citizens in a democratic society to explore, to discover,  
20 and to develop their special aptitudes and interests; and education  
21 holds as a sacred trust its responsibility to assist persons in  
22 their quest for a fulfilling life and for responsible citizenship  
23 in a world characterized by change; therefore, be it

24       *Resolved by the Senate:*

1           That the Senate hereby recognizes West Virginia University at  
2   Parkersburg on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary; and, be it

3           *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward  
4   a copy of this resolution to the President of West Virginia  
5   University at Parkersburg, Dr. Marie Foster Gnage.